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And it's another bill that's rather simple, and hopefully it's in the correct form. The basic purpose is to move the initial homestead application date from April 1 to February 1, and leaving the ending date where it is. The real reason for this is to allow for more time for the applicants to file for an exemption, because many eligible homestead exemption applicants do not file any income tax, because their income makes them eligible not to file the income tax. The retention of the June 30 deadline would provide the applicant who filed income tax adequate time to calculate household income for the purpose of the exemption. What it really does is give a little more time, because of the people... many of the people who file, at least the assessors have found, many people who file for homestead exemption, because it's later, after they've already gotten their figures together, either forget about it and fail to file... and this would be more timely for them to get their filing done. So that's basically the only purpose. The only place it changes in the bill is the date, moving the date back one month. So I'd appreciate support of this piece of legislation.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. You've heard the opening on LB 192. Open for discussion for the advancement. Seeing no one wishing to speak, Senator Vrtiska, you're recognized to close if you care to. He waives that opportunity. The question before the body is advancement of LB 192 to E & R Initial. All in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the advancement of LB 192. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 192 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 281 was introduced by Senator Landis. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 13, referred to the Revenue Committee, and reported to General File with no amendments